



ECONOMIC INTEGRATION OF VULNERABLE NATIONALS FROM VENEZUELA IN BRAZIL

Latin America & the Caribbean face a significant migratory crisis, caused by the flow of migrants and refugees from Venezuela. USAID's goal within the context of the Venezuela crisis, is to support activities that seek to facilitate the economic-financial insertion of migrants and refugees. As part of this effort, USAID is supporting the International Organization for Migration's (IOM) "Economic Integration of Vulnerable Nationals from Venezuela" activity in Brazil.

HOW DOES THE ACTIVITY WORK?

The "Economic Integration of Vulnerable Nationals from Venezuela" activity supports the Government of Brazil's "interiorization" program which relocates willing Venezuelans migrants and refugees from the remote border region of Roraima State to larger population centers. The purpose of this activity is to provide Venezuelan migrants with access to sustainable livelihoods, housing, and basic services including health and education, by matching them with destination communities where the basic elements of socio-economic integration can be met.

The activity has two primary objectives: a) The economic integration of Venezuelan nationals through facilitated access to formal employment and enhanced access to livelihood opportunities; and b) The social integration of Venezuelan nationals by strengthening access to rights and services that advance their social inclusion.

WHAT RESULTS ARE EXPECTED?

- The private sector will be educated on the legal requirements related to hiring Venezuelan migrants as well as the considerable skills and talents this community has to offer.
- Venezuelans will have increased access to decent livelihood opportunities (including entrepreneurship), through improved skills and knowledge (including Portuguese language skills). At least 800 Venezuelans will secure formal employment and 1,000 Venezuelan-owned small enterprises will be strengthened or created.
- Improved coordination and strengthened capacities of the key actors (public, private and NGOs) working on the social and economic inclusion of migrants in six states.

PROJECT INFORMATION

IMPLEMENTER: International Organization for Migration (IOM)

COMPONENT DURATION: 12/2019 to 12/2021

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LOCATION: Brazil (Federal District, Paraná, Rio de Janeiro, Rio Grande do Sul, Santa Catarina, and Sao Paulo)

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